# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

CRAIG CUNNINGHAM	)
Plaintiffs,	). C.A. No.: 3:17-cv-13050-FLW-DEA
v.	)
CAPITAL ADVANCE SOLUTIONS, LLC, GEOFFREY HORN, CHARLES BETTA, DANIEL LOGAN, EBF PARTNERS, LLC, WEBBANK CORPORATION, RETAIL CAPITAL, LLC dba CREDIBLY	) ) ) )
Defendants.	) ) ) )

## WEBBANK CORPORATION AND RETAIL CORPORATION LLC'S ANSWER TO PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT

Defendants, WebBank Corporation ("WebBank") and Retail Capital, LLC d/b/a Credibly ("Retail Capital") (collectively, "Defendants"), by and through their attorneys, Maurice Wutscher, LLP, hereby answer Plaintiff's Complaint as follows:

- 1. Defendants are without sufficient knowledge to either admit or deny the allegations of this paragraph and therefore they are denied.
- 2. Defendants are without sufficient knowledge to either admit or deny the allegations of this paragraph and therefore they are denied.
- 3. Defendants are without sufficient knowledge to either admit or deny the allegations of this paragraph and therefore they are denied.
- 4. Defendants are without sufficient knowledge to either admit or deny the allegations of this paragraph and therefore they are denied.

- 5. Defendants are without sufficient knowledge to either admit or deny the allegations of this paragraph and therefore they are denied.
- 6. Defendants are without sufficient knowledge to either admit or deny the allegations of this paragraph and therefore they are denied.
- 7. WebBank admits that it is a Utah corporation. The remaining allegations of this paragraph contain conclusions of law to which no response is required and therefore they are denied.
- 8. Retail Capital denies it is a corporation, but admits that it is a New York limited liability company and that it is registered to do business in Michigan. The remaining allegations of this paragraph contain conclusions of law to which no response is required and therefore they are denied.

#### Jurisdiction

- 9. The allegations of this paragraph contain conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent a response is deemed required, Defendants do not contest the Court's jurisdiction.
- 10. The allegations of this paragraph contain conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent a response is deemed required, Defendants do not contest venue.

## **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

## **Calls from Capital Advance Solutions**

11. Defendants deny they made any phone calls to Plaintiff. The remaining allegations of this paragraph contain conclusions of law to which no response is required and therefore they are denied.

- 12. Defendants deny they made any phone calls to Plaintiff. The remaining allegations of this paragraph contain conclusions of law to which no response is required and therefore they are denied.
- 13. Defendants deny they made any phone calls to Plaintiff. Defendants are without sufficient knowledge to either admit or deny the allegations of this paragraph as they relate to any other defendant and therefore they are denied.
- 14. Defendants deny they made any phone calls to Plaintiff. Defendants are without sufficient knowledge to either admit or deny the allegations of this paragraph as they relate to any other defendant and therefore they are denied.

## Calls by the Defendants

- 15. Defendants deny they made any phone calls to Plaintiff. Defendants are without sufficient knowledge to either admit or deny the allegations of this paragraph as they relate to any other defendant and therefore they are denied.
- 16. Defendants deny they made any phone calls to Plaintiff. Defendants are without sufficient knowledge to either admit or deny the allegations of this paragraph as they relate to any other defendant and therefore they are denied.
- 17. Defendants admit only that Plaintiff applied for a loan through Capital Advance Solutions and that Retail Capital sent a letter to Plaintiff declining his application for an extension of credit. The remaining allegations of this paragraph contain conclusions of law to which no response is required and therefore they are denied.
- 18. Defendants are without sufficient knowledge to either admit or deny the allegations of this paragraph and therefore they are denied.

- 19. The allegations of this paragraph contain conclusions of law to which no response is required and therefore they are denied.
- 20. The allegations of this paragraph contain conclusions of law to which no response is required and therefore they are denied.
  - 21. Denied.
- 22. The allegations of this paragraph contain conclusions of law to which no response is required and therefore they are denied.

#### VICARIOUS LIABILITY

- 23. The allegations of this paragraph contain conclusions of law to which no response is required and therefore they are denied.
- 24. The allegations of this paragraph contain conclusions of law to which no response is required and therefore they are denied.
- 25. The allegations of this paragraph contain conclusions of law to which no response is required and therefore they are denied.
- 26. The allegations of this paragraph contain conclusions of law to which no response is required and therefore they are denied.
- 27. The allegations of this paragraph contain conclusions of law to which no response is required and therefore they are denied.
- 28. The allegations of this paragraph contain conclusions of law to which no response is required and therefore they are denied.

## **Invasion of Privacy-Intrusion of Seclusion**

29. The allegations of this paragraph contain conclusions of law to which no response is required and therefore they are denied.

- 30. The allegations of this paragraph contain conclusions of law to which no response is required and therefore they are denied.
- 31. The allegations of this paragraph contain conclusions of law to which no response is required and therefore they are denied.

## **CAUSES OF ACTION**

## **COUNT I**

## **Violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA)**

- 32. Defendants restate and incorporate by reference their answers and responses to paragraphs 1 through 31 as though set forth herein.
- 33. The allegations of this paragraph contain conclusions of law to which no response is required and therefore they are denied.

#### CAUSES OF ACTION

## **COUNT II**

## **Violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA)**

- 34. Defendants restate and incorporate by reference their answers and responses to paragraphs 1 through 33 as though set forth herein.
- 35. The allegations of this paragraph contain conclusions of law to which no response is required and therefore they are denied.

## **CAUSES OF ACTION**

## **COUNT III**

## **Invasion of Privacy-Intrusion on Seclusion**

36. Defendants restate and incorporate by reference their answers and responses to paragraphs 1 through 35 as though set forth herein.

37. The allegations of this paragraph contain conclusions of law to which no response is required and therefore they are denied.

## PRAYER FOR DAMAGES AND RELIEFS

The allegations of this paragraph contain conclusions of law to which no response is required and therefore they are denied.

WHEREFORE, Defendants WebBank Corporation and Retail Capital, LLC dba
Credibly demand that Plaintiff's Complaint be dismissed with prejudice and that they be
awarded costs of this action, attorneys' fees and such other relief as this Honorable Court may
deem appropriate.

## AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

## FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff has failed to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

## SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff suffered no actual damages as a result of Defendants' alleged conduct.

## THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

If discovery reveals that any debt identified in Plaintiff's complaint is subject to an agreement requiring the parties to submit any dispute between them to arbitration, then there is no subject matter jurisdiction over Plaintiff's complaint.

## FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

In the event it is determined that any telephone call placed by Defendants required the prior express consent of the called party, Defendants had obtained such consent or acted under a good faith belief that such consent had been provided to it.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maurice Wutscher, LLP Attorneys for WebBank Corporation and Retail Capital, LLC dba Credibly

/s/ Donald S. Maurice
Donald S. Maurice, Esq.
5 Walter E. Foran Blvd.
Ste 2007
Flemington, NJ 08822
(908) 237-4570
dmaurice@mauricewutscher.com

Dated: February 20, 2018

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on February 20, 2018 a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served via CM/ECF on all interested parties and by regular and certified mail, return receipt requested to:

Craig Cunningham 5543 Edmondson Pike, Suite 248 Nashville, TN 37211

/s/ Donald. S. Maurice, Esq.